

Majesty of Law, side channel

STATE

After you had finished your duties at the dairy farm, Mrs_____called to you from an upstairs window. What did she say?

WITNESS

You get up here right away!

STATE

And what did you think running up those stairs?

WITNESS

Was 'mergency.

STATE

Please go on in your own words.

WITNESS

Well she...!

DEFENSE

Your Honor, are we to milk this familiar story courtesy of the State? To titillate jurors and spectators? And to what end?

STATE

Will you stipulate your client had intercourse with this young man?

DEFENSE

We so stipulate, but claim that this Brad Pitt of the milk brigade wandered up the stairs out of general mischief and wasn't invited. How one thing led to another then...well my client had been ill and was under psychiatric treatment.

STATE

Objection! Opinion! Not in evidence!

JUDGE

Sustained. That's enough of that, Counselor! It's not a short story about movie actors. The Law is a long story, and must deal in facts. Why was this witness even called?

STATE

To attest to the quote unquote character of Mrs_____.

DEFENSE

Objection. Would the court please curb the sarcasm of the State?

JUDGE

Of both. You both must have minored in it.
I'm putting a stop to it all. The case is financial,
not sexual. Some other court can wrestle with
he said, she said.

That's far away from the alleged misappropriation
of funds entrusted to the plaintiff.

Witness dismissed and his testimony stricken.
Now can we get to the non-sexy and very labyrinthine
details?

STATE

Sex can be labyrinthine!

JUDGE

You've been warned. Next time a fine!